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**OF THE**  
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**FOR THE**  
**SCHOLASTIC YEAR ENDING**  
**JUNE 30, 1908.**



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## TO THE BOARD.

TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Gentlemen:

I herewith respectfully submit to you my annual report of the public schools of the county for the scholastic year ending June 30, 1908.

It gives me much pleasure to be able to inform you that great progress has been made during the past twelve months, and I take this opportunity to thank you for your hearty cooperation in the work.

Very truly yours,

C. C. WRIGHT,

County Superintendent of Schools.

Hunting Creek, N. C., June 30, 1908.



## PREFACE.

TO THE FRIENDS OF EDUCATION:

Believing that the great improvement made in our county along educational lines during the last few years is due in a great measure to a better knowledge of what the public schools are doing for the people, and feeling that such knowledge has been obtained largely from the annual reports issued from this office, we have decided to give this our fifth annual report to the public, hoping that the work done and the results achieved merit and may receive your approval.

We desire to thank our patrons for their liberal patronage which has enabled us to give this report to the public without expense to the county.

C. C. WRIGHT.

Hunting Creek, N. C.

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**" Roxie Billings, Dockery**  
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C. F. Fields, Elkin  
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“ Ether Hoots, Benham  
“ Minnie Lewis, Spurgeon  
“ Bertha Crater, Cycle  
“ Lillian Miller, North Wilkesboro, R. F. D. 2  
“ Electa Foote, Roaring River  
Mrs. M. S. Pardue, Ronda

# SCHOOL STATISTICS BY DISTRICTS 1907-8.

| Township.       | District. | Census. | Enrollment. | Attendance. | Teachers.              |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Antioch         | 1.        | 75      | 53          | 24          | Miss L. L. Martin.     |
| "               | 2.        | 66      | 38          | 21          | G. W. Miller.          |
| "               | 3.        | 42      | 28          | 10          | Miss Gertrude Mitchell |
| "               | 4.        | 74      | 51          | 27          | W. S. Edwards.         |
| Beaver Creek    | 1.        | 66      | 51          | 22          | A. J. Foster.          |
| "               | 2.        | 46      | 45          | 18          | Miss Mattie Ferguson.  |
| Boomer          | 1.        | 148     | 95          | 62          | J. H. Isbell.          |
| "               | 2.        | 71      | 33          | 18          | Miss Frankie Staley.   |
| "               | 3.        | 73      | 52          | 37          | V. McGhinnis.          |
| Brushy Mountain | 1.        | 27      | 19          | 11          | F. D. Bentley.         |
| "               | 2.        | 66      | 54          | 46          | Miss Lillian Miller.   |
| "               | 3.        | 62      | 41          | 20          | " Florence Miller.     |
| "               | 4.        | 65      | 55          | 27          | M. C. Revis.           |
| "               | 5.        | 47      | 42          | 18          | Miss Ethel Dimmette.   |
| Edwards         | 1.        | 130     | 78          | 29          | J. O. Hoots.           |
| "               | 2.        | 66      | 43          | 24          | W. A. Durham.          |
| "               | 3.        | 98      | 98          | 82          | U. A. Miller.          |
| "               | 4.        | 80      | 80          | 35          | A. J. Hutchins.        |
| "               | 5.        | 101     | 34          | 60          | W. T. Comer.           |
| "               | 6.        | 67      | 54          | 33          | A. C. Walls.           |
| "               | 7.        | 65      | 38          | 17          | Mrs. Bettie Roberts.   |
| "               | 8.        | 103     | 94          | 63          | C. F. Fields.          |
| "               | 9.        | 72      | 52          | 26          | Ford Gilliam.          |
| "               | 10.       | 93      | 61          | 28          | E. W. Settle.          |
| "               | 11.       | 35      | 58          | 31          | J. B. Ray.             |
| "               | 12.       | 36      | 29          | 17          | Miss Minnie Myers.     |
| Blk             | 1.        | 42      | 10          | 9           | " Cordie Henderson.    |
| "               | 2.        | 44      | 39          | 22          | " Ina Davis.           |
| "               | 3.        | 56      | 35          | 23          | " Jennie Wagne.        |
| "               | 4.        | 40      | 34          | 26          | J. F. Robbins.         |
| "               | 5.        | 44      | 29          | 19          | Miss Lou McNeil        |
| "               | 6.        | 65      | 38          | 28          | W. C. Crisp.           |
| "               | 7.        | 61      | 44          | 24          | Miss Ina Davi.         |
| "               | 8.        | 40      | 23          | 17          | " Clara Greer          |
| Jobs Cabin      | 1.        | 51      | 40          | 28          | " Florence Maxwell.    |
| "               | 2.        | 66      | 30          | 20          | " Venia Miller         |
| "               | 3.        | 112     | 56          | 33          | Hugh Taylor.           |
| "               | 4.        | 76      | 44          | 24          | E. W. Miller.          |
| "               | 5.        | 78      | 57          | 28          | Miss Ella Thompson.    |
| "               | 6.        | 68      | 35          | 25          | E. M. Eller.           |



| Township            | Dis-<br>trict. | Cen-<br>sus | Enroll-<br>ment. | Atten-<br>dance. | Teachers.              |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Jobs Cabin-----     | 7.             | 40          | 24               | 16               | J. C. Parsons.         |
| Lewis Fork-----     | 1.             | 72          | 72               | 48               | J. P. Robbins.         |
| " "-----            | 2.             | 107         | 107              | 80               | W. R. Triplette.       |
| " "-----            | 3.             | 56          | 48               | 33               | U. G. Foster.          |
| " "-----            | 4.             | 65          | 46               | 16               | L. G. Maxwell.         |
| " "-----            | 5.             | 65          | 50               | 39               | Miss Zorah Walsh.      |
| " "-----            | 6.             | 67          | 54               | 38               | D. L. Bingham.         |
| Lovelace-----       | 1.             | 28          | 19               | 13               | Miss Minnie Lewis.     |
| "-----              | 2.             | 57          | 43               | 26               | Miss Cora Miller.      |
| "-----              | 3.             | 59          | 42               | 26               | C. C. Walker.          |
| "-----              | 4.             | 50          | 30               | 22               | J. W. Johnson.         |
| "-----              | 5.             | 63          | 38               | 19               | Miss Bertha Crater.    |
| Moravian Falls----- | 1.             | 133         | 91               | 44               | M. F. Bumgarner.       |
| " "-----            | 2.             | 69          | 48               | 34               | Miss Florence Gilreath |
| " "-----            | 3.             | 81          | 40               | 25               | Miss Bertha Tharpe.    |
| " "-----            | 4.             | 61          | 42               | 28               | F. D. Bentley.         |
| Mulberry-----       | 1.             | 72          | 54               | 37               | A. B. Hays.            |
| "-----              | 2.             | 104         | 87               | 49               | T. M. Brown.           |
| "-----              | 3.             | 72          | 71               | 44               | D. C. Sebastian.       |
| "-----              | 4.             | 76          | 56               | 28               | Mrs. M. E. Absher.     |
| "-----              | 5.             | 84          | 58               | 33               | Miss Meeta Joines.     |
| "-----              | 6.             | 63          | 53               | 25               | Miss Edith Jones.      |
| "-----              | 7.             | 71          | 61               | 43               | Miss Laura Higgins.    |
| "-----              | 8.             | 65          | 64               | 32               | John McGrady.          |
| New Castle-----     | 1.             | 88          | 76               | 38               | W. T. Comer.           |
| " "-----            | 2.             | 43          | 28               | 18               | Miss Pansy Pardue.     |
| " "-----            | 3.             | 64          | 53               | 31               | L. D. Welborn.         |
| " "-----            | 4.             | 29          | 29               | 21               | T. S. White.           |
| " "-----            | 5.             | 71          | 71               | 34               | W. A. Holleman.        |
| " "-----            | 6.             | 56          | 43               | 25               | H. H. Walker.          |
| North Wilkesboro--  | 1.             | 478         | 437              | 297              | W. G. Coltrane.        |
| " "-----            | 2.             | 88          | 80               | 46               | Miss Roxie Billings.   |
| " "-----            | 3.             | 72          | 61               | 23               | Mrs. D. C. Elliette.   |
| Reddies River-----  | 1.             | 71          | 52               | 24               | J. E. Phillips.        |
| " "-----            | 2.             | 70          | 44               | 23               | F. G. Yates.           |
| " "-----            | 3.             | 95          | 67               | 37               | A. C. Steelman.        |
| " "-----            | 4.             | 65          | 46               | 27               | Miss Hattie McNeill.   |
| " "-----            | 5.             | 74          | 49               | 33               | C. C. Paw.             |
| " "-----            | 6.             | 88          | 52               | 31               | Miss Minnie McNeill    |
| " "-----            | 7.             | 60          | 41               | 18               | C. H. Ferguson.        |
| " "-----            | 8.             | 71          | 60               | 37               | H. L. Greene.          |
| " "-----            | 9.             | 62          | 39               | 13               | Miss Lonie Bullis.     |

| Township           | Dis-<br>trict. | Gen-<br>sus | Enroll-<br>ment. | Atten-<br>dance. | Teachers.              |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| " " -----          | 10.            | 69          | 48               | 36               | J. A. Thomasson.       |
| Rock Creek -----   | 1.             | 91          | 33               | 36               | W. D. Woodruff.        |
| " " -----          | 2.             | 108         | 64               | 25               | D. G. Wiles.           |
| " " -----          | 3.             | 77          | 63               | 36               | W. H. Sebastian.       |
| " " -----          | 4.             | 160         | 126              | 58               | J. S. Elliotte.        |
| Somers -----       | 1.             | 64          | 49               | 26               | A. R. Coleman.         |
| " -----            | 2.             | 69          | 58               | 30               | Miss Gertie Mitchell.  |
| " -----            | 3.             | 108         | 69               | 34               | Miss Pearl Couch.      |
| " -----            | 4.             | 98          | 95               | 54               | Mrs. Addie E. Sale.    |
| " -----            | 5.             | 79          | 49               | 24               | J. T. Redding.         |
| Traphill -----     | 1.             | 94          | 68               | 42               | W. H. Brown.           |
| " -----            | 2.             | 120         | 100              | 61               | L. C. Carter.          |
| " -----            | 3.             | 83          | 60               | 48               | Mrs. Mamie Snow.       |
| " -----            | 4.             | 69          | 58               | 23               | Stewart Lyon.          |
| " -----            | 5.             | 64          | 54               | 33               | R. L. Brown.           |
| " -----            | 6.             | 84          | 49               | 34               | R. M. Waddell.         |
| " -----            | 7.             | 75          | 75               | 43               | Miss Carrie Joines.    |
| " -----            | 8.             | 19          | 15               | 11               | C. M. Joines.          |
| Union -----        | 1.             | 77          | 53               | 38               | Walter Dimmette.       |
| " -----            | 2.             | 92          | 59               | 26               | Miss Ethel Kirley.     |
| " -----            | 3.             | 80          | 68               | 33               | R. L. Vannoy.          |
| " -----            | 4.             | 58          | 40               | 12               | Percy Maxwell.         |
| " -----            | 6.             | 70          | 45               | 22               | Miss Mattie A. Maxwell |
| " -----            | 7.             | 61          | 53               | 30               | N. C. Miller.          |
| " -----            | 8.             | 58          | 40               | 20               | G. W. Jennings.        |
| " -----            | 9.             | 47          | 40               | 19               | Heggie Parsons.        |
| " -----            | 10.            | 65          | 43               | 25               | Alex Woody.            |
| Walnut Grove ----- | 1.             | 69          | 52               | 25               | I. C. Woodruff.        |
| " " -----          | 2.             | 64          | 47               | 25               | U. S. Myers.           |
| " " -----          | 3.             | 34          | 34               | 18               | Miss Maude Lyon.       |
| " " -----          | 4.             | 70          | 70               | 52               | Miss Carrie Joines.    |
| " " -----          | 5.             | 79          | 67               | 37               | W. F. Joines.          |
| " " -----          | 6.             | 65          | 57               | 36               | T. G. Johnson.         |
| " " -----          | 7.             | 81          | 65               | 40               | W. H. Brown.           |
| " " -----          | 8.             | 67          | 26               | 17               | Mrs. M. F. Handy.      |
| Wilkesboro -----   | 1.             | 50          | 27               | 15               | W. R. Hendren.         |
| " -----            | 2.             | 81          | 99               | 54               | Miss Electa Foote.     |
| " -----            | 3.             | 47          | 32               | 24               | Miss Ellen Myers.      |
| " -----            | 4.             | 65          | 42               | 25               | Mrs. Bessie Foster.    |
| " -----            | 5.             | 306         | 275              | 180              | E. G. Suttlemyre.      |
| " -----            | 6.             | 65          | 36               | 22               | I. P. Anderson.        |

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## COLORED SCHOOL STATISTICS BY DISTRICTS 1907-8.

| Township.        | District. | Gen-<br>sus | Enroll-<br>ment. | Atten-<br>dance. | Teachers.             |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Beaver Creek     | 1.        | 47          | 29               | 25               | Miss Ida Jones.       |
| Boomer           | 1.        | 84          | 34               | 13               | Miss Mamie Hauser.    |
| Edwards          | 1.        | 115         | 80               | 69               | C. I. Smith.          |
| Elk              | 1.        | 52          | 29               | 12               | Mrs Kitty Witherspoon |
| "                | 2.        | 15          | 15               | 11               | J. J. Blanton.        |
| Lewis Fork       | 1.        | 14          | 14               | 10               | L. J. Hackett.        |
| Mulbery          | 1.        | 20          | 7                | 6                | Mrs. Mamie Scott.     |
| New Castle       | 1.        | 56          | 27               | 19               | J. T. Hawkins.        |
| "                | 2.        | 48          | 48               | 18               | Miss Lillian Harris.  |
| North Wilkesboro | 1.        | 60          | 40               | 29               | Miss Mabel Morrow.    |
| "                | 2.        | 73          | 57               | 35               | Miss Maggie L. Hanes  |
| Rock Creek       | 1.        | 27          | 23               | 15               | Miss Bessie Petty.    |
| Traphill         | 1.        | 46          | 30               | 39               | Miss Mamie Petty.     |
| "                | 2.        | 31          | 30               | 11               | E. G. Harris.         |
| Wilkesboro       | 1.        | 139         | 97               | 77               | J. I. Transou.        |
| "                | 2.        | 111         | 71               | 45               | N. W. Roberts.        |
| "                | 3.        | 40          | 40               | 35               | A. H. Foust.          |



# SCHOOL STATISTICS-1907-8.

| Township       | No. of Districts. | Census. | Enrollments. | Attendance. | Libraries. | Supplementary Libraries. | Volumes in Libraries. | Local Tax Schools. | Valuation of School Property. | Rank Based On Attendance |
|----------------|-------------------|---------|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Antioch        | 5..               | 339..   | 170..        | 82..        | 3..        | --                       | 256..                 | --\$               | 333..                         | 18                       |
| Beaver Creek   | 7..               | 159..   | 125..        | 65..        | 3..        | 1..                      | 369..                 | --                 | 90..                          | 16                       |
| Boomer         | 4..               | 376..   | 214..        | 145..       | 3..        | 1..                      | 334..                 | 1..                | 2150..                        | 13                       |
| Brushy Mt.     | 5..               | 267..   | 211..        | 122..       | 5..        | --                       | 490..                 | --                 | 310..                         | 6                        |
| Edwards        | 14..              | 1111..  | 855..        | 445..       | 10..       | 6..                      | 1241..                | 6..                | 4965..                        | 8                        |
| Elk            | 9..               | 444..   | 296..        | 191..       | 9..        | 1..                      | 899..                 | 1..                | 985..                         | 10                       |
| Jobs Cabin     | 7..               | 491..   | 286..        | 174..       | 6..        | 4..                      | 800..                 | 1..                | 1427..                        | 17                       |
| Lewis Fork     | 7..               | 481..   | 427..        | 264..       | 4..        | --                       | 388..                 | 1..                | 1750..                        | 1                        |
| Lovelace       | 5..               | 257..   | 172..        | 106..       | 5..        | 2..                      | 533..                 | --                 | 450..                         | 11                       |
| Moravian Falls | 5..               | 424..   | 221..        | 231..       | 4..        | 2..                      | 458..                 | 1..                | 525..                         | 20                       |
| Mulberry       | 9..               | 664..   | 511..        | 297..       | 6..        | 4..                      | 550..                 | 3..                | 1628..                        | 7                        |
| New Castle     | 8..               | 455..   | 389..        | 204..       | 8..        | 1..                      | 812..                 | --                 | 997..                         | 4                        |
| No. Wilkesboro | 6..               | 808..   | 477..        | 326..       | 3..        | --                       | 294..                 | 6..                | 3175..                        | 9                        |
| Reddies River  | 10..              | 725..   | 498..        | 279..       | 8..        | --                       | 762..                 | 2..                | 1875..                        | 14                       |
| Rock Creek     | 6..               | 463..   | 359..        | 170..       | 4..        | --                       | 380..                 | 3..                | 1005..                        | 15                       |
| Somers         | 5..               | 418..   | 320..        | 168..       | 5..        | 2..                      | 510..                 | 1..                | 1225..                        | 12                       |
| Traphill       | 9..               | 665..   | 539..        | 335..       | 6..        | 1..                      | 598..                 | --                 | 2090..                        | 3                        |
| Union          | 10..              | 720..   | 441..        | 225..       | 7..        | 3..                      | 789..                 | --                 | 1403..                        | 19                       |
| Walnut Grove   | 8..               | 528..   | 434..        | 250..       | 4..        | --                       | 362..                 | 1..                | 1615..                        | 5                        |
| Wilkesboro     | 9..               | 904..   | 701..        | 477..       | 8..        | 5..                      | 1100..                | 5..                | 2065..                        | 2                        |
| Total          | 145               | 10899   | 7897         | 4545        | 111        | 33                       | 11925                 | 32                 | \$30,061                      |                          |

## TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Last year we decided to hold only two meetings of the Teachers' Association and let each session embrace two days. These meetings were held in November and January, and were better attended than any previous meetings in the history of the body. Over one hundred teachers were present at each session, and much interest was manifested. A very helpful feature of the work were the lectures to the teachers at night.

The Teachers have played no little part in the improvement along educational lines in our county in the last decade. Nearly

all who now teach in the county become active members of this organization, a great many of them taking an active part in the work of the meetings, exchanging ideas, and plans of work.

The Woman's Betterment Association, which holds its meetings in connection with those of the Teachers' Association, has kept up its organization during the past year, and has enrolled several new members.

The prize offered by the association to the teacher making most improvement in school house and grounds was won by the school at Ronda, taught by Rev. W. T. Comer, New Castle R. F. D. No. 1, principal, and Mrs. P. H. Pardue assistant. The prize was a large mounted wall map of the United States.

Most of the teachers this year in the history which they are required to give in their registers at the close of the school term report work done on the house and grounds. Some houses have been painted, others repainted, a number of new houses have been built, new desks and other furniture put in, maps and globes bought, and a great many pictures placed on the walls, while in some instances grass and flower seeds have been sown, walks laid out, stones and stumps removed, logs and rubbish carried away, and briars and bushes cut. Much of this work has been done by the members of the Betterment Association.

#### RURAL LIBRARIES.

It gives me much pleasure to be able to state that Wilkes county now leads all the other counties of the State in the matter of rural libraries in the public schools. A year ago we reported 75 original libraries and 22 supplementary libraries, while I notice that our reports for the scholastic year now closing show that we have placed 36 original libraries and 10 supplementary libraries in the past twelve months, an average of almost one library a week for the entire time. The reports of the librarians show that in most of the districts these books are being read by both patrons as well as pupils. It is a source of much gratification to see how the books are being used in most of the districts. One librarian reports 55 pupils using the library and 332 books taken out in 12 months by these boys and girls, and this too in the rural districts of the county.

It is a question now of a very short time when every district in the county will have one of these libraries for the entertainment and instruction of its people. I desire to extend my thanks to the friends of education who have aided us in our efforts to place these books in the reach of our people. Without their aid many of the libraries which have gone into the districts this year would not have been placed.

## LOCAL TAXATION.

Last year our annual report showed that we had at that time 20 local tax school districts in the county. To day we have 32, an increase of 12 during the year, an average of one for each month. These figures speak for themselves, and show conclusively that our people have come to realize the fact that without local taxation they can never hope to educate their children. To-day the best schools in our county are those which have solved the problem by supplementing their school term and thus furnishing adequate school facilities for their boys and girls. The time is not far distant when each district in the county that really desires to educate its children will adopt this system of local support.

To show what local taxation has done for some of the districts which have tried it I wish to give a few statistics gathered from the reports of the teachers in those schools.

In one district before local tax was voted the school term was not quite four months, now, since the tax was voted, the term is eight months, and the salary of the teacher has been increased 20 per cent. In another school we find that before tax was voted the enrollment was 61, the average daily attendance 39, and the number of teachers one, while the term was not quite four months. After the tax was voted the number of teachers was doubled, the salaries increased, the attendance 57, and enrollment 118, and the length of the term seven months.

In another district we find the length of the term before local tax was voted three months, the number of teachers two, the enrollment 94, the average daily attendance 71. The year after local tax was voted the term was increased to six months, the number of teachers increased to three, the enrollment reached 107, the average daily attendance 80.

This was due in part to private donations and State aid but these could not have been secured had it not been a local tax school.

In another district the year before local tax was voted the enrollment was 61, the average daily attendance 39, the number of teachers one. After the tax was voted the enrollment was 84, the average daily attendance 60, and the number of teachers two. These schools are all in the rural districts of the county. In Wilkesboro before local tax was voted the term was four months, the enrollment 117, the average daily attendance 79, the number of teachers two. After local tax was voted the enrollment was 276, the average daily attendance 180, and the number



of teachers 6, while the salaries of the teachers have been greatly increased. In North Wilkesboro before local tax was voted the enrollment was 125, the average daily attendance 63, number of teachers two. After the tax is voted the enrollment is 296, the average daily attendance 228, the number of teachers 7, while the salaries have been greatly increased. These figures speak for themselves, and need no comment. Other examples might be given, but we deem these sufficient. What one district has done another can do. The boys and girls of one district are as much entitled to the benefits which come from the adoption of this system as are those of any other, and they will have them whenever the people come to look at this problem of education in its true light. To those who are living in non local tax schools I wish to say that you have in your pocket the golden key which will unlock the doors of opportunity to your boys and girls, and which will give to them the advantages possessed by any other child in the county. Will you use it to open to them the storehouse of knowledge? Yours is the opportunity and the responsibility, and the coming years will hold you responsible for your action in the matter.

#### CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to state that the scholastic year just closed was the most successful one in the history of the educational work of the county. The enrollment in the schools of the county exclusive of those districts where no schools were taught reached 75 per cent. of the census, and the average daily attendance 43. The nearest approach to these figures was in the annual report of a year ago when the enrollment reached 74 per cent. and the attendance 42.

The number of pupils in the high school grades has greatly increased over that reported a year ago, the salaries of the teachers have been in most cases increased, and the work in every way is much improved.

The banner school of the county this year in district 3 of Edwards township. This school won the banner a year ago and was again taught by Mr. and Mrs. U. A. Miller of Cowles, N. C. The banner won by this school is offered each year to the school making the highest per cent in average attendance, and it is worthy of note that it was won last year on an average daily attendance of 79 per cent. while this year it was won on an average of 84 per cent. We claim for this district the banner school of the State. The second prize for attendance a collection of Perry



Pictures, was won by the district at Piney Grove 4 in Walnut Grove township, taught by Mrs. Carrie Miller of Abshers, N. C.

Last year Walnut Grove was the banner township of the county in the matter of attendance having made 56 per cent. while this year it took 59 per cent to win it, Lewis Fork township carrying off the prize.

These facts are very gratifying indeed as they show conclusively that our people are taking more and more interest in the education of their children, add that they are determined that they shall have a better chance in the race of life than was allotted to them.

For the encouragement of the friends of education in the county I desire to mention here that during the past eight years 74 frame school houses have been built and that the valuation of the public school property of the county has increased nearly four hundred per cent.

As will be seen by reference to a table elsewhere in this report the number of teachers with normal training has increased since 1901 from 6 to 60. Rural Libraries from 1 to 111, Supplementary Libraries from 0 to 32 local tax schools from 0 to 32, the enrollment from 61 per cent. to 75 per cent.

The number of painted houses has increased from 1 to 15, houses with desks from 14 to 90, houses with bells from 8 to 31, houses with two rooms from 8 to 26, and the number of log houses has decreased from 34 to 7 and the number of districts with no houses has decreased from 29 to 7.

This is a record of progress of which we may all be justly proud, and I wish to take this opportunity to extend my hearty thanks to all who have aided in the work of the past year. The work has been arduous, but I feel that we are amply repaid in the results achieved.

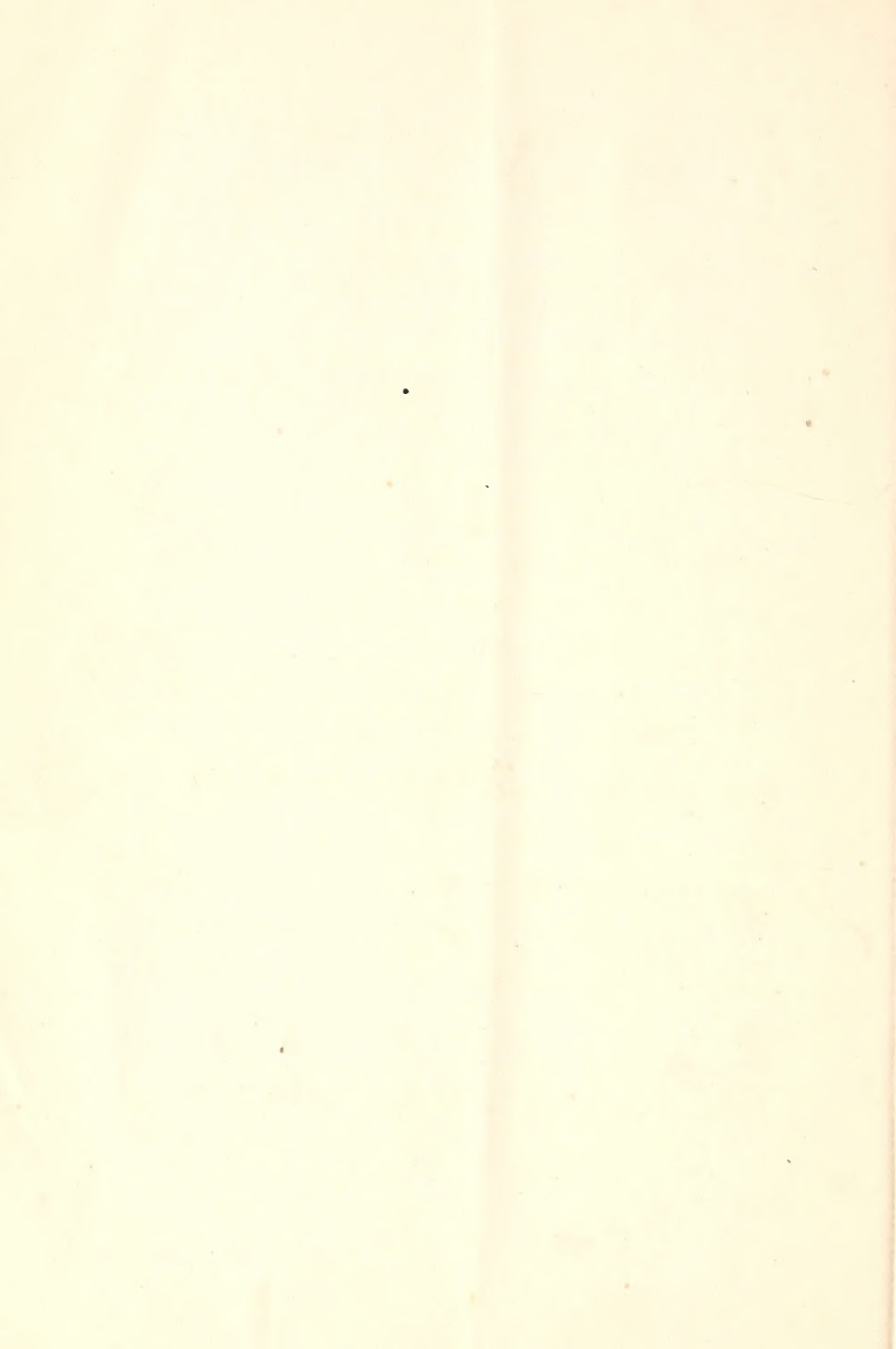
May our people not be content with the achievements of the past but rather let these serve to urge us on to do nobler things in the days to come, and may we all resolve that the year upon which we are just now entering shall show even better results than the one which has just closed.

Feeling that God has blessed the efforts of the past year, and with thankfulness we rely upon Him to guide and direct the work of the year upon which we are now entering.

# 1901      PROGRESS IN EDUCATION IN WILKES COUNTY.      1908

|             |   |                               |   |            |
|-------------|---|-------------------------------|---|------------|
| \$8,383     | - | value of school property      | - | \$30,061   |
| 68          | - | frame houses                  | - | 121        |
| 1           | - | rural libraries               | - | 110        |
| 0           | - | supplementary libraries       | - | 32         |
| 0           | - | local tax schools             | - | 32         |
| 61          | - | enrollment                    | - | 75         |
| 33          | - | attendance                    | - | 43         |
| 15 per cent | - | illiteracy                    | - | 7 per cent |
| 100         | - | volumes in libraries          | - | 11925      |
| 1           | - | painted houses                | - | 15         |
| 8           | - | houses with bells             | - | 31         |
| 14          | - | houses with desks             | - | 90         |
| 6           | - | teachers with normal training | - | 60         |
| 2           | - | teachers with diplomas        | - | 20         |
| 8           | - | houses with two or more rooms | - | 26         |
| 34          | - | log houses                    | - | 7          |
| 29          | - | districts with no houses      | - | 7          |

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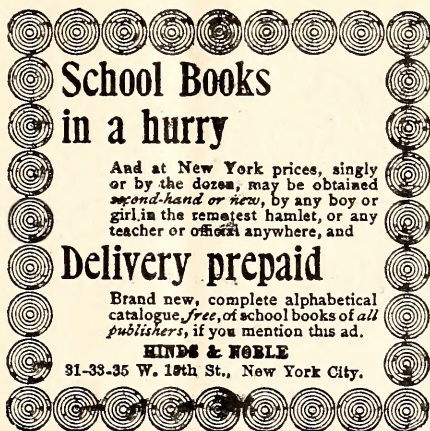
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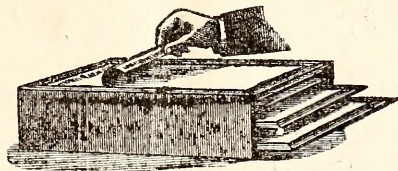
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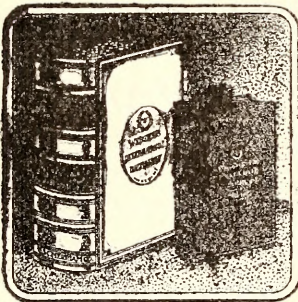
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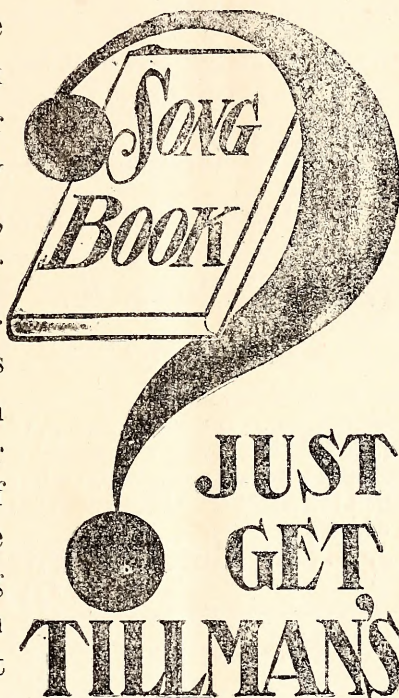
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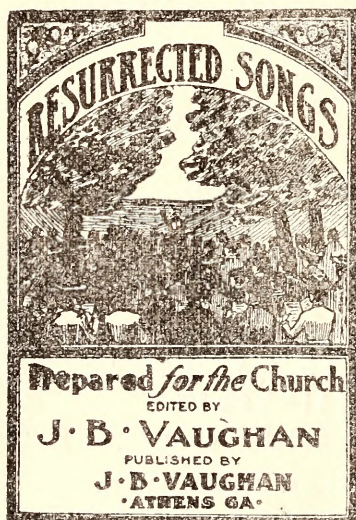
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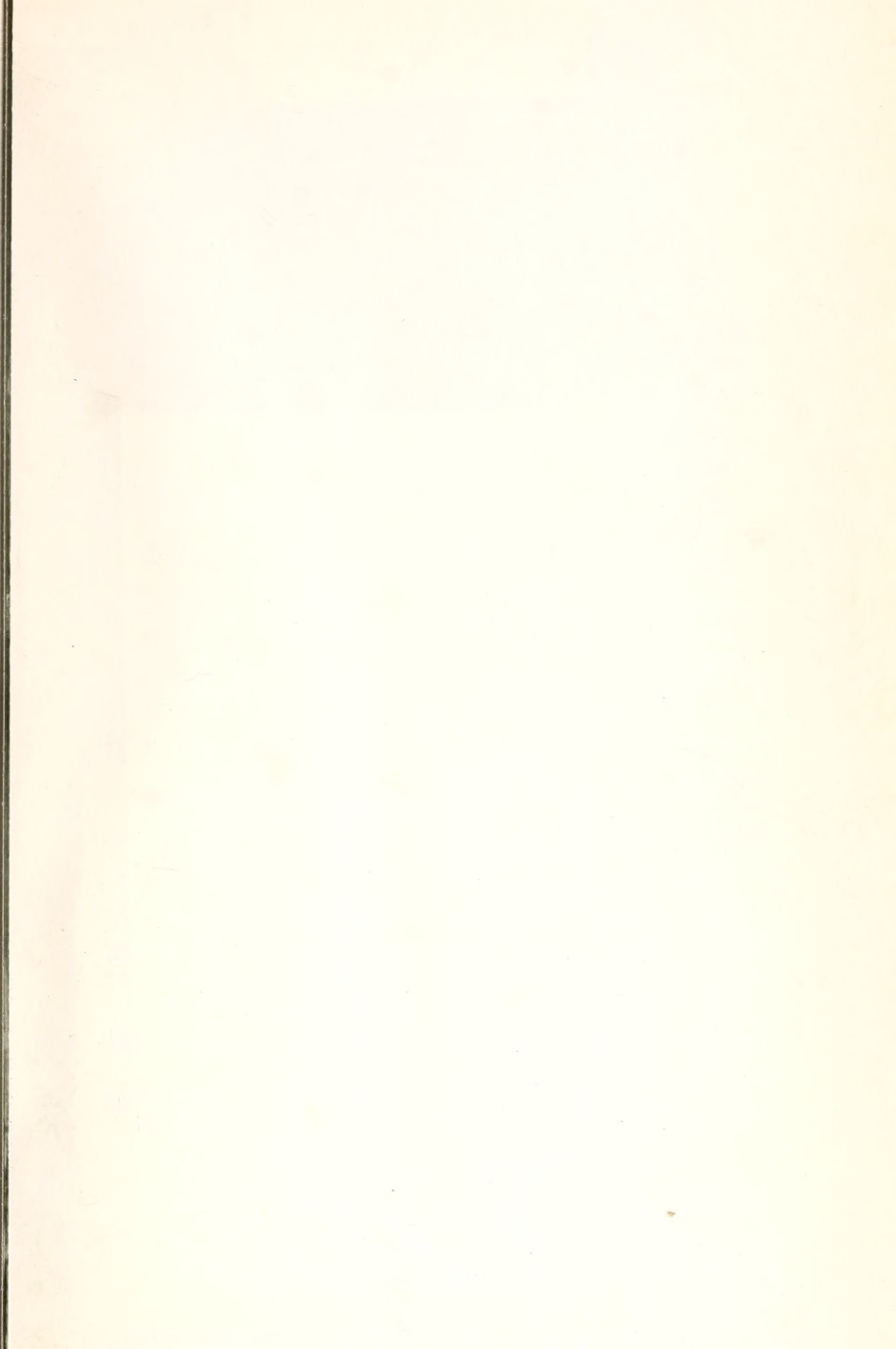
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